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PASS COMMERCE/NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE.

1. ON OCTOBER 3 FISHATT WAS VISITED BY DR. MEANA WHO CAME TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF THE EIGHT MONTHS EXPLORATORY FISHING PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY THE FRG VESSELS BONN AND WESSER OF THE PACIFIC COAST OF MEXICO. DR. MEANA IS A CONSULTANT FOOD TECHNOLOGIST AND WAS HIRED BY THE NESTLE COMPANY TO TAKE PART IN THE EXPEDITION AS AN OBSERVER. HE SPENT SEVEN MONTHS ABOARD THE BONN. HE BROUGHT ALONG A COPY OF HIS REPORT TO THE NESTLE COMPANY WHICH SAID IN EFFECT THAT AFTER EIGHT MONTHS OF BOTTOM AND MID-WATER TRAWLING NO COMMERCIAL SIZED CONCENTRATIONS OF FISH HAD BEEN

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FOUND OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO OR IN THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA.

THE ONLY CONCENTRATIONS OF FISH(HAKE) OF COMMERICAL SIGNIFICANCE LOCATED DURING THE SURVEY WERE OFF THE COAST OF CALIFORNIA AND OREGON. DR. MEANA SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH THE PROJECT IS NOW IN PHASE TWO, WHICH IS AN ANALYSIS OF THE DATA, IT IS ALREADY GENERALLY AGREED THAT NO SIGNIFICANT UNDEVELOPED FISHERY EXISTS OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ANCHOVETA.

2. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHY THE FRG WOULD HAVE ENTERED INTO THIS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT, WHICH WAS PRIMARILY AN EXPLORATION FOR HAKE, KNOWING THE WATER TEMPERATURES OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO ARE NOT INDICATIVE OF THE PRESENCE OF HAKE, MEANA REPLIED, THAT HETHOUGHT IT WAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GAINING A FOOTHOLD IN MEXICO, I.E. THE USE OF MEXICAN PORTS BY GERMAN VESSELS TO FISH OFF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES. DR. MEANA ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK THAT THE FAILURE OF THIS EXPEDITION TO DISCOVER ANY NEW FISHERY RESOURCES OFF THE MEXICAN COAST WOULD RECEIVE ANY PUBLICITY IN THE MEXICAN PRESS.  
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